

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JERRY JUWAN THOMAS, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner - Appellee,

v

NIWANA THOMAS,

Respondent - Appellant,

and

JERRY BERNARD JENKINS,

Respondent.

UNPUBLISHED

August 11, 2000

No. 221924

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 92-303302

Before: Murphy, P.J., and Kelly and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Thomas appeals as of right from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), (i) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g), (i) and (j). We affirm.

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Vasquez*, 199 Mich App 44, 51-52; 501 NW2d 231 (1993). In addition, respondent failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. Pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5) termination of parental rights was required unless the court found that termination was clearly not in the child's best interest. *In re Trejo*, ___ Mich ___, ___ NW2d ___ (No. 112528, issued 7/5/2000), slip op p 27. On this record, we do not conclude that the court's

finding was clearly erroneous or that termination was clearly not in the child's best interest. Accordingly, the court did not err in terminating respondent's parental right to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ William B. Murphy
/s/ Michael J. Kelly
/s/ Michael J. Talbot